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Mr. Meyer W. Weisgal
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Dear Mr. Weisgal:

Thank you for your very kind letter of May 4. I do appreciate the interest that you have taken.

I'm afraid that your correspondents in the Embassy of Israel have misinterpreted a misleading datum. My mother recently applied for a visa for a visit to Israel this Spring and during her conversation I suspect she mentioned what you already know concerning our general but still immaterial hope for such a visit on our part. Such vague plans as I did have in mind earlier this year have now evaporated, and I have no material plans in the immediate foreseeable future.

I have already promised you that I would certainly consult you in the event of a visit that we might be able to make, and I will keep this promise in mind for the future.

Yours cordially,

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